

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 27, 28, 30, and 31 are pending in this application. Claims 3-26 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled Claim 29 and to include the correction suggested in the outstanding Action, all without the introduction of any new matter.

The outstanding Office Action includes an objection to Claims 1, 2, and 29, a rejection of Claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by Kuo et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,446,814, Kuo) under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), an allowance of Claims 27, 28, 30, and 31, and an indication that Claim 29 would be allowed if rewritten to be in independent form.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 27, 28, 30, and 31 and the indication of allowable subject matter as to Claim 29.

In order to secure allowance of this application, Applicant's have submitted amended Claim 1 with the corrective language suggested by the Examiner for overcoming the objection made as to this claim along with incorporating the subject matter of Claim 29 to effectively rewrite Claim 29 in independent form.

As amended Claim 1 includes the corrective language suggested by the Examiner for overcoming the objection made as to this claim, it is believed that the objection made as to Claims 1 and 2 is now moot and should be withdrawn.

It is also believed that the present amendment should be entered as it clearly adopts the Examiner's suggested corrective language, reduces outstanding issues without requiring further search or raising any new issues, and clearly renders the present application allowable.

In this last regard, as amended Claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of presently canceled Claim 29 (indicated to be allowable subject matter in the outstanding Action), to

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effectively rewrite Claim 29 in independent form, it is believed that the outstanding rejection of Claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by Kuo has been overcome and that this rejection should now be withdrawn.

Accordingly, as amended Claim 1 and Claim 2 dependent thereon should now be considered to be allowed along with previously allowed Claims 27, 28, 30, and 31, and as no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for formal allowance with pending Claims 1, 2, 27, 28, 30, and 31, and an early and favorable action to this effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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